

I am deeply troubled by the ongoing consolidation of all media holdings into the hands of a very few mega-corporations. I am all for capitalism and acknowledge the distinct differences between broadcast operations (which require the implicit approval of the American public) and other media which are clearly private property. However, we have seen with the 96 act and the recent Congressional shutdown of low-powered community radio, the extent of power these companies can wield to achieve monopolistic control of OUR airwaves. The only power We the People retain is to restrict those companies which currently own a slice or two of the broadcast pie from owning every bakery in town, all the trucks and trains that supply them, all the mills which grind the wheat and all the fields where the wheat is grown. I fear that the commissioners are contemplating the lifting of such restrictions and thus the only remaining power the public has left to prevent near monopolistic control of all media. Please do not let this happen. Thank you.